

80 MIG Pilots Watch As 20 Others Fight 27 American Jets

By the Associated Press
SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 21.—American Sabre jet pilots shot down two more Red jets today bringing their toll this week to 10.

The two MIG-15s were downed during a 20-minute battle in cloudy North Korean skies between 27 American Sabre jets and 20 MIGs.

The 20 Reds swept into battle out of a formation of 80 Russian-type jets. The other MIG pilots watched the fight but didn't get mixed up in it.

American losses, if any, were not announced. Storm clouds held Allied planes down to 321 sorties today.

Allied Patrol Ambushed.
On the ground a Red ambush pinned down an Allied patrol and its rescue force for more than an hour on the frozen eastern front.

A second United Nations rescue group broke the trap and freed both Allied units in sharp fighting. The action occurred northwest of Kansong, on the east coast.

Elsewhere the 155-mile front quiet after a slashing day in which the 8th Army sent three raiding parties on sorties through Communist lines.

Bad weather today almost choked off Allied air attacks on Red rail lines.

Among the few planes in the air this morning was a jet that bombed "freedom bridge" linking Allied truce headquarters at Munsan with Panmunjom, site of armistice talks. It dropped two bombs.

Eyewitness said it resembled an American F-80 Shooting Star. One soldier said he saw USAF (United States Air Force) on the underside of one wing.

No damage or casualties were reported. Only one bomb exploded, and that about 25 feet away from the span.

Naval headquarters in Tokyo said the battleship Wisconsin returned to action off East Korea yesterday. The flagship of the United States 7th Fleet shelled 5,000 rounds of five-inch shells and reported direct hits on two important Communist bridges.

The Wisconsin is commanded by Capt. Thomas Burrows of Washington, D. C.

Off the east coast American and New Zealand warships destroyed 15 blockade-running sampans in a 50-minute battle with a Red "fishing fleet navy."

Air Violations of Manchuria Increasing, Reds Charge

By the Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Peiping radio yesterday charged that the number of "provocations" by United States planes over Manchuria "is growing in seriousness."

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press, claimed American planes made 248 such flights in 51 different formations in 40 days up to February 9.

The broadcast asserted the planes "bombed and strafed peaceful civilians in a most barbarous way" but did not say when or where.

Sabre Jet Crashes, Burns At Langley; Pilot Killed

By the Associated Press
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va., Feb. 21.—An F-86 Sabre jet crashed into a river branch which flanks part of this base yesterday and then bounced at high speed onto a runway and burned.

The pilot, First Lt. Elbert Wilson Johnson of Okemah, Okla., was killed.

Hundreds of Air Force and civilian personnel, leaving headquarters for lunch, stood in horror as the plane crashed.

The plane belonged to the 1708th Ferrying Group at Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

D. C.'s 12 Blue Baby Operations Performed by Same Surgeon



Blue babies wax strong after operation. Jimmy O'Brien, 5 (left), and Ralph Barnes, 8, flex their biceps for Cowboy Pick Temple. Both were operated on in October for a heart condition that used to be fatal. They appeared on Pick's WTOP television show to help along the Heart Fund drive.—Star Staff Photo.

There have been 12 "blue baby" operations in Washington—all at the Children's Hospital and all by the same surgeon.

Little publicity has been given to the Washington operations—the surgeon insists that his name be withheld on grounds of professional ethics.

But the Washington Heart Association put the story together last week—National Heart Week—to further their current Heart Fund drive.

The association is trying to raise \$60,000. A percentage of the money will go to the National Heart Association for research. The national goal is \$8 million.

That portion retained locally is used in part to buy equipment for cardiac wards and cardiac surgery in local hospitals and to maintain the summer cardiac camps for boys and girls with heart conditions at Triangle, Va. Last year, \$74,000 was raised locally.

Originator Did 3 a Day.
The "blue baby" operation, which is less than 10 years old, is the development of Dr. Alfred Blalock of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. For a time "blue babies" were flown to Baltimore from all over the country for this operation and Dr. Blalock performed as many as three a day.

He trained a number of younger surgeons from several cities in the technique, and now the operation is being performed in Boston, Chicago and elsewhere. The Washington surgeon says it is the most difficult of all heart operations, even more difficult than the one to overcome the effects of rheumatic fever, in which the surgeon inserts his finger into the heart to widen one of the valves.

The "blue babies" do not get enough oxygen in their blood due to congenital malformation at the base of the circulatory system. They have a definitely blue color. It is corrected by severing a fairly large artery branch in from the aorta (the great artery that leads from the heart) and tying it into the pulmonary artery (the vessel carrying blood from the heart to the lungs). The blue look disappears almost immediately as the oxygen supply becomes sufficient.

Seven of the babies operated on here were under 2 years old. Three

of these were lost. All of the five above 2 years of age have lived. Trying to keep a blue baby alive until after the second birthday is a gamble.

Two D. C. Boys on Program.
The first successful blue baby operation here was in October, 1949. Jimmy Mayhew, a baby of only 4 months at the time, is growing up to be a normal healthy boy.

Two of the formerly blue babies made a public appearance last week in the interest of the Heart Fund. They were guests of Pick Temple, the singing cowboy on WTOP-TV. Both were operated on last October.

One of them, 5-year-old Jimmy O'Brien of Hyattsville, Md., son of a Justice Department attorney, is feeling his oats so that he is inclined to brag. He told Pick he could walk five miles. The other, Ralph Barnes, Jr., of 1708 Fort Davis drive S.E., a slender, gentle boy of 8, said he believed he could walk a mile "if I had to."

His father, an accountant with the Wage Stabilization Board, said Ralph does walk a mile a day—he is going to a school half a mile away. Ralph wants to go to the cardiac camp this summer.

Police tentatively identified the stranger as Charles A. Martin of the Reid Hotel in Portsmouth, Ohio. Later the hotel manager, Mrs. Anne Maddock, reported Mr. Martin had left two weeks ago on a vacation.

Unable to talk coherently, he was taken to the Medical College of Virginia Hospital, where he spent the night. The \$13,586 in small bills and change was found on his person.

A union card in his possession indicated that Mr. Martin was a barber.

U. N. Cites Record In Barring Russia As Truce Policeman

By the Associated Press
MUNSAN, Korea, Feb. 21.—The United Nations command told the Communists today Russia's "record of past participation in Korea" bars the Soviet Union as a neutral fit to help police a Korean truce.

Simultaneously, general headquarters in Tokyo warned that every step forward in truce talks "will be followed by a step backward until Moscow is convinced that the final decision for Korea must be made without further delay."

An information bulletin compiled from "voice of the U. N. command broadcasts" declared: "It seems to be their plan to raise two additional disputes to take the place of every one that has been settled."

"Like the Hydra-headed monster of mythology, there will be new entanglements following every settlement just as long as the Kremlin thinks there is still something to gain by prolonging the talks."

Reasons Declared Clear.
At Panmunjom, an Allied spokesman said U. N. reasons for rejecting Russia were "clear, cogent and irrefutable." He did not spell out the reasons.

Col. Don Darrow said the U. N. command would reject the nomination of any nation "in close proximity to Korea" or any nation which had "a record of past participation in Korea."

A Red staff officer said the U. N. reasons were not satisfactory.

Col. Darrow refused to be drawn into an argument. He said: "The United Nations does not propose to enter into endless discussion on this topic and recommendations that you side give our statements serious consideration."

The Russians occupied North Korea at the close of World War II. They trained, equipped and advised the North Korean army.

Warning on Optimism.
Both the Chinese Reds and the North Koreans are supplies with large quantities of Soviet-made equipment, including the deadly MIG-15 jet fighter, tough T-34 tanks and radar-controlled anti-aircraft batteries.

The border of Soviet Siberia joins Korea for about 10 miles.

The general headquarters bulletin warned against optimism as a result of this week's agreement to hold a post-armistice Korean peace conference.

At Panmunjom, staff officers working on plans for prisoner exchange agreed on some minor points, but made no progress on the key issue of voluntary repatriation.

Alaska as 'Dominion' Up for Senate Debate

By the Associated Press
For the first time in three weeks, the Senate was to resume debate on Alaskan statehood today with a target in sight.

Members will vote next Wednesday on a motion to send the bill back to committee for further hearings.

Incorporated in the recommitment motion are instructions to consider giving Alaska "dominion" status.

The procedure, which would require a constitutional amendment, would give the territory the right to elect its own governor and local officials, participate in presidential elections and have a voting delegation in the House and a non-voting member of the Senate.

Whatever the Alaskan bill decision, Republicans plan to ask the Senate to consider a similar bill to grant statehood to Hawaii.

Chairman Taft of the G. O. P. Senate Policy Committee said that group voted to ask Majority Leader McFarland to schedule action on the Hawaii bill even if that for Alaska is sent back to committee.

The Senate yesterday heard arguments on both sides of the statehood issue.

8th Army Denies Charge of GI That Korea Guns Are Obsolete

By the Associated Press
SEOUL, Korea, Feb. 21.—An 8th Army spokesman said today a report that old and obsolete artillery is being used in Korea "is just not true."

Sergeant Robert E. Lansdell, Jr., a combat veteran who returned home recently to Memphis, Tenn., said in an interview Tuesday that some 155-mm. howitzers used in Korea were carried over from World War II.

He said one defective howitzer blew up and killed four members of the gun crew. Another gunner was injured in a similar explosion, Sergeant Lansdell added.

The 8th Army spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the accident in which Sergeant Lansdell said four men died is believed to have occurred last December 23 and that "only two men were injured and evacuated."

The spokesman said he had heard both men died, but could not confirm it.

"Our ordnance checks for wear and tear and other unsatisfactory conditions twice a month," he said. "We replace a bad gun tube any time ordnance runs across one."

The spokesman said a new gun can explode as well as an old one. He added: "There is nothing to indicate if the explosion in question was due to an old and decrepit tube."

Sergeant Lansdell said the gun which killed the four men had fired 150,000 rounds.

An Army spokesman in Washington said Tuesday that World War II howitzers form the bulk of American artillery in the Far East and these guns have a normal life of 15,000 rounds. He said some months ago the 8th Army was told to reduce the use of gun barrels to 4,000 rounds.

Man Duplicates Keys For Use in Hotel Theft

MELBOURNE, Australia (CDN).—Police here are hunting for a thief who jangles. The man has duplicate keys to rooms in 50 hotels and has robbed guests of at least \$2,250 in the last two months.

Police say his practice is to rent a hotel room, have a duplicate of the room key made, then return at a later date to search the room when its latest occupant is out.

Eva Peron Resumes Her Public Activities

By the Associated Press
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Eva Peron is taking part in public life again, although she looks somewhat pale as the aftermath of an operation late last year.

She addressed a luncheon meeting yesterday of delegates to a new Pan-American labor confederation, formed last week along lines first laid down by Argentine President Juan Peron and his wife.

Mrs. Peron told the delegates the world's laborers must join forces to defend their victories.

Queen Elizabeth II Gets Official Scottish OK

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Scotland's Supreme Court set back the Scottish Nationalist Covenant movement yesterday with an announcement it considers Britain's new Queen is officially "Queen Elizabeth the second" in all her realms—including Scotland.

The Covenant movement, as the Scots Nationalists are known, has been insisting she should be called "Elizabeth the first" because the first Queen Bess reigned before Scotland came under English domination.

Trial of French Widow For 11 Deaths Begins Today

By the Associated Press
POITIERS, France, Feb. 21.—Mme. Marie Besnard, a quiet, 64-year-old widow accused of dispatching 11 victims with poison in the last 25 years, goes on trial today for murder.

Her court session has advanced billing as one of the most sensational in France since "Bluebeard" Henri Desire Landru was convicted in 1921 of taking an equal toll of lady loves.

In its indictment to be read today the state will charge that the stout, bespectacled Mme. Besnard counted her parents and two husbands among her victims. She has denied all murder charges and has six lawyers to defend her.

The trial, in the Justice Palace where Joan of Arc was questioned five centuries ago by a committee of bishops, is expected to last a week.

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